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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 stand rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 10-17 are withdrawn from consideration due to restriction. Applicant has amended claims 1-5 and 7-8 in order to overcome the prior art rejections; and canceled claim 6. Applicant has also amended claims 14-15 to make them dependent upon independent claim 1. Applicant has withdrawn claims 10-13 and 16-17. Please enter amended claims 1-5, 7-8 and 14-15.

35 USC § 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Solon (4991337).

Regarding claim 1, the applicant has amended independent claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention and distinguish it from Solon. Upon examination of the details discussed below it will become evident that the invention of claim 1 is novel over, and not anticipated by Solon. Currently amended independent claim 1 reads:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for enabling organized shopping, comprising the steps of:
preparing a list of items for shopping on a sheet having a top edge and a bottom edge, and a front surface and a back surface;
wherein said list of items for shopping is written on said front surface;
wherein said sheet has attaching means for attaching said top edge to said bottom edge; and
arranging said sheet in the form of a loop at the time of shopping; by attaching said top edge to said bottom edge using said attaching means;
wherein said loop has an outer side and an inner side; and
wherein said front surface having said list of items forms the outer side of said loop.

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It is submitted that Solon neither discloses nor anticipates the invention of claim 1 as claimed herein for the following reasons. As disclosed, independent claim 1 has been amended into a method claim which recites "preparing a list of items for shopping on a sheet" and "arranging said sheet in the form of a loop at the time of shopping" (for support see specification Figures 1, 4 and 5). Thus, claim 1 discloses the method for enabling organized shopping. In contrast, Solon discloses an identification bracelet and not a method enabling organized shopping. Consequently, the applicant respectfully submits that the amended independent claim 1 is certainly novel and patentable over and neither anticipated nor suggested by Solon and the anticipation rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 4 and 8, each of these claims depends, from independent claim 1. Each of claims 4 and 8 has been amended in view of amendment to claim 1. In view of the remarks presented above in support of withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claim 1 under U.S.C. 102(b), the applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's grounds for rejection of claims 4 and 8 under U.S.C. 102(b) are moot, and requests that the anticipation rejection of claims 4 and 8 under U.S.C. 102(b) should also be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 6, the applicant has canceled claim 6.

Claims 2 and 3

Regarding claims 2 and 3, the Examiner has not given patentable weight to these claims. However, amended claim 2 depends from claim 1, and amended claim 3 from claim 2. In view of the remarks presented above in support of withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claim 1 under U.S.C. 102(b), the applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's grounds for rejection of claims 2 and 3 under U.S.C. 102(b) are moot, and requests that the anticipation rejection of claims 2 and 3 under U.S.C. 102(b) should also be withdrawn.

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35 USC § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-8

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Solon (4991337).

Regarding claim 1, the applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection under U.S.C. 103(a). Following the arguments the same as those presented earlier, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 discloses the method for enabling organized shopping, while Solon discloses an identification bracelet and not a method enabling organized shopping. Consequently, the applicant respectfully submits that the amended independent claim 1 is certainly novel and patentable over and not obvious from Solon and the obviousness rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 2-5 and 7-8, each of these claims depends, either directly or through an intervening claim, from independent claim 1. Each of claims 2-5 and 7-8 has been amended in view of amendment to claim 1. In view of the remarks presented above in support of withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of claim 1 under U.S.C. 103(a), the applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's grounds for rejection of claims 2-5 and 7-8 under U.S.C. 103(a) are moot, and requests that the obviousness rejection of claims 2-5 and 7-8 under U.S.C. 103(a) should also be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 6, the applicant has canceled claim 6.

Claims 14 and 15

Regarding claims 14 and 15, the applicant has amended these claims such that each of these claims depends from claim 1. In view of the remarks presented above in support of withdrawal of the anticipation rejection under U.S.C. 102(b) and the obviousness rejection under U.S.C. 103(a) of claim 1, the applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 14 and 15 should be allowed.

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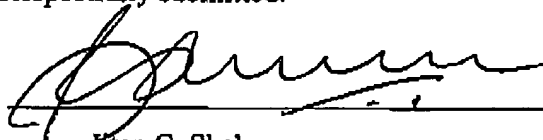
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Favorable consideration of the amendment and allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted.


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